

House Resolution No. 1409

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. William Seward, treasured residents of Richmond, Missouri, will commemorate the splendid occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on May 1, 2004, with a festive celebration to be held at the Mushroom Patch in Richmond; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on May 1, 1954, William T. Seward and Bonnie Bost began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony at the Henrietta Baptist Church; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Seward provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones through many years of stellar employment with Ford Motor Company in Claycomo until his much-deserved retirement in 1983; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mrs. Seward enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself through employment endeavors with the Commercial Bank in Lexington, and First National Bank, Nations Bank, and Boatman's Bank in Richmond before retiring in 1997; and

Whereas, devout members of their church who are active in the American Legion, V.F.W., and the Ray County Hospital Auxiliary, William and Bonnie Seward attribute their fifty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their four children, Altha Maria Wright, Bonita Rae Miller, William Tennis Seward, Jr., and Crystal Lee Coats; their six grandchildren; and their great-granddaughter; and

Whereas, with the words of the Lord to guide their way, William and Bonnie Seward have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for William and Bonnie Seward upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as they proudly begin their sixth decade of wedded success and happiness; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. William Seward, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Gary Kelly
District No. 36

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1409, adopted April

1, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker